

Hit and Run Driver Charged after Striking a Bicyclist – Rehoboth

Rehoboth Beach – The Delaware State Police have charged a Millsboro man with Vehicular Assault and other traffic related offenses after he struck a bicyclist and left the scene.

The incident occurred around 4:50 p.m. Saturday July 10, 2021 when a 20-year-old Rehoboth woman was riding her bicycle on the westbound shoulder of Rehoboth Beach Ext. (SR1A), just west of Church Street. **Derek M. White**, 46 of Millsboro, was operating a 2015 Jeep Wrangler westbound on SR1A just behind the bicyclist. White failed to maintain his travel lane and entered the westbound shoulder where the front of the Jeep struck the rear of the bicycle. As a result of the impact, the cyclist was thrown from her bicycle and landed in the entrance to the Henlopen Square shopping complex. The female bicyclist was treated on scene by EMS and then flown by Delaware State Police Aviation (Trooper 2) to Christiana Medical Center with serious injuries.

After the collision, the Jeep fled the scene and continued traveling westbound where it was ultimately located by a witness in the parking lot of Grand Rental Station on Hebron Road. Troopers responded to that location and took Derek White into custody without incident. A DUI investigation ensued and White was transported back to Troop 7 where he was charged with the following:

- Vehicular Assault 1st (Felony)
- Leaving the Scene of a Collision Resulting in Injury
- Driving While Suspended or Revoked
- Failure to Have Insurance Identification in Possession
- Driving a Vehicle Under the Influence of Drug

- Failed to remain within a single lane
- Failure to Report a Collision Resulting in Injury or Death

Derek White was arraigned at JP3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$3,500.00 cash bond.



Traffic on Rehoboth Avenue Ext. near Church Street was impacted for approximately 2.5 hours while the collision was investigated and cleared.

Anyone with information regarding this collision should contact Corporal K. Koff at Delaware State Police Troop 7 by calling 302-644-5020. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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